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SUBJECT: CULTURAL-SCIENTIFIC AGREEMENT: NEXT STEPS

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1. AS REPORTED (REFTELS), PRELIMINARY NEGOTIATIONS ON AGREEMENT HAVE GONE REASONABLY WELL. WE ACCORDINGLY ARE DEVOTING SOME THOUGHT TO DRAFT PROGRAM DOCUMENT AND OTHER FOLLOW-UP STEPS. WOULD BE HELPFUL TO HAVE EARLY REACTIONS TO FOLLOWING IDEAS:

2. STATE/CU: WE ARE THINKING IN TERMS OF OFFERING EIGHT INDIVIDUAL INTERNATIONAL VISITOR GRANTS EACH OF NEXT TWO YEARS. IS THIS A REASONABLE BALLPARK FIGURE? WE ARE ALSO THINKING OF US SUPPORT FOR EXCHANGE OF AT LEAST ONE PERFORMING ARTS GROUP AND AT LEAST THREE INDIVIDUAL PERFORMERS PER SIDE PER YEAR. DO YOU AGREE THIS WOULD BE OPTIMUM LEVEL? (SOME OF THESE PERFORMERS WILL PRESUMABLY TRAVEL UNDER MICHIGAN STATE U. "ARTISTS IN RESIDENCE" PROGRAM AND RECIPROCAL ACTIVITIES IN BULGARIA.)

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3. USIA: CAN YOU SUPPLY ONE MAJOR EXHIBIT (BESIDES

PLOVDIV) EVERY TWO YEARS, WHICH WE BELIEVE TO BE
OPTIMUM LEVEL? (INITIALLY AT LEAST, GOB PROBABLY WOULD
FIND ARTISTIC EXHIBITS MORE ACCEPTABLE THAN "AMERICANA"
SIE EXHIBITS WHICH TOUR USSR.) WOULD USIA FAVOR
MENTION IN PROGRAM DOCUMENT OF FACILITATING DISTRIBUTION
OF "SPEKTUR" AND OTHER EMBASSY PUBLICATIONS, AS "AMERICA
ILLUSTRATED" IS MENTIONED IN U.S.-USSR PROGRAM
DOCUMENT?

4. STATE/SCI: WOULD APPRECIATE RECEIVING DRAFT OF
PROPOSED NATIONAL SCIENCE FOUNDATION MEMORANDUM OF
UNDERSTANDING.

5. USIA AND STATE: WOULD WELCOME OTHER COMMENTS ON
DRAFT PROGRAM DOCUMENT AND OTHER FOLLOW-UP STEPS.
WE HAVE COPIES OF CURRENT U.S.-SOVIET AND U.S.-ROMANIAN
PROGRAM DOCUMENTS, TO WHICH YOU MAY REFER IN REPLIES.
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